Statement

Amount of food subsidy released to the States under the Decentralised Procurement Scheme during the last three years is as under:

(Rs. in crore)

State	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05
Chhatisgarh	158.60	89.94	628.87
Madhya Pradesh	128.27	66.74	118.75
Orissa*	Nil	Nil	40.96
Tamil Nadu	Nil	45.82	27.21
Uttaranchal	13.97	80.43	92.73
Uttar Pradesh	1120.70	975.62	1377.96
West Bengal	81.19	27.41	179.97

*Orissa has undertaken decentralized procurement of foodgrains only from 2004-05.

Coverage under TPDS

527. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that half of below poverty line families are still out of the purview of the Targeted Public Distribution System;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Closure of HVOCL

528. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Hon'ble High Court, Delhi has ordered the Hindustan Vegetable Oils Corporation Limited to close its Unit by making all payments to its employees and that more than 67 per cent